

# **Twitter 101**

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#### What is Twitter?

- Twitter is an online social networking platform where users share information in 140 characters of text or less.
- A tweet can contain words, symbols, links and pictures.
- Twitter has 645,000,000 users worldwide, with New York City in the lead.
- 350,000 tweets are sent per minute.

### How is the NYPD using Twitter?

- The NYPD has 120 Twitter accounts!
- There is one for each precinct, PSA some specialty units and many Chiefs.
- This is a way for you to have YOUR voice heard in YOUR community

### How should you use your account?

- Spread public safety and crime prevention information
- Engage with the community
- Update during critical events
- Build trust
- Spread information about Missings and Wanteds
- Highlight the important work of your officers

#### Tweet vs. Text

To: community council president

You spoke and we listened! Over 30 illegally parked cars towed last night from East Tremont.



## Hashtags # and Tags @

The @ symbol is used to call out usernames in tweets (tagging). You recieve a notification when someone uses your @username to mention you in tweets. You can tag in a tweet or in a photo

A hashtag (#hashtag) indicates a topic of conversation. When you click on a hashtag, you'll see other tweets containing the same keyword or topic. Twitter provides a list of trending hashtags.

#### So what do we do on Twitter?

- Tweet
- Follow/Listen
- Reply
- Retweet
- Star/Favorite
- Direct Message



Following

While you are staying warm inside, the men and women of #NYPD are keeping the city safe, #itswhatwedo











11:50 AM - 17 Dec 201







#### Who are you talking to? Followers and Following

- All tweets are public, but people can choose to subscribe to your tweets by following you. Similarly, you can curate your own news feed by following others.
- You can follow others by searching for them, or visiting their profile and clicking "Follow."
- Anyone can follow you. Check to see who your followers are - they are your audience.

## Replying and Retweeting

Twitter is a place for interaction. You can converse with someone by replying to a tweet or retweeting one.

- Peply: Speak directly to someone by replying to their tweet. This can be done by either hitting "reply" or starting a tweet with their user name. Though public, the tweet will only appear on the feed of the mentioned user.
- Petweeting: You can share a tweet you like with your followers by "retweeting" it. This often implies endorsement. Similarly, others can retweet your message.

## Reply





#### NYCMayorsOffice

Nov 06, 4:37pm via TweetDeck

Getting a flu shot is fast and easy. Just text FLU to 877877 or visit nyc.gov/flu to find a flu shot. pic.twitter.com/YjzdtmuaQn

## **KEEP CALM**

AND

GET YOUR

Retweeted by NYPD121Pct and 7 others

# "Liking"

Liking a tweet implies endorsement and is public.

It is best practice to Like a tweet that speaks positively of you and to follow those who Like your tweet.

You will get a notification every time your tweet is Liked

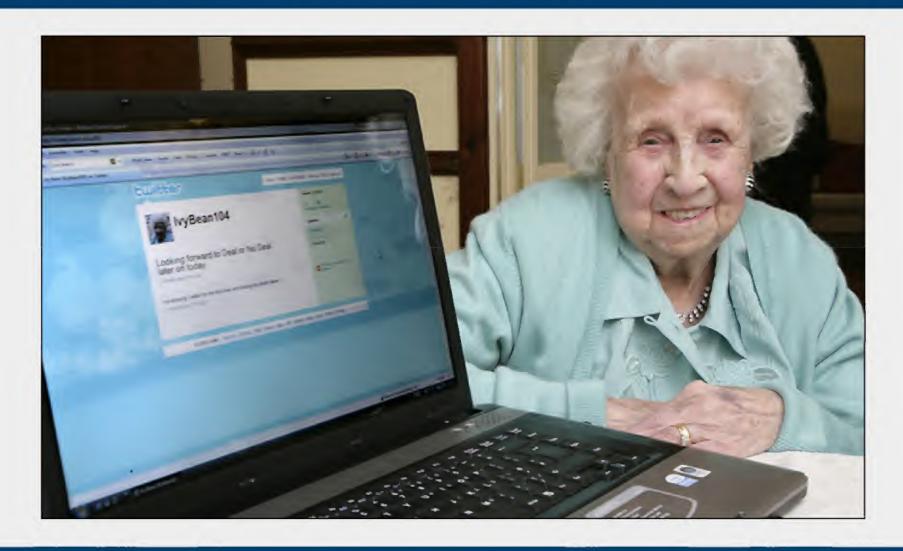
### Direct Message (DM)

- Direct Messages are private tweets between the sender and the recipient (similar to email.)
- You can only DM someone who follow you.
- Ask someone to DM you if you want to take a conversation offline.

#### Be on the Lookout - Notifications

- Mention Someone is speaking directly to you or about you. It is important to look at the tweet and determine if you would like to respond.
- You can only Direct Message (DM) a follower, if you would like to take a conversation offline, ask a user to follow so you can DM them.

## No one is born with this knowledge!



### Enjoy it





We can neither confirm nor deny that this is our first tweet.

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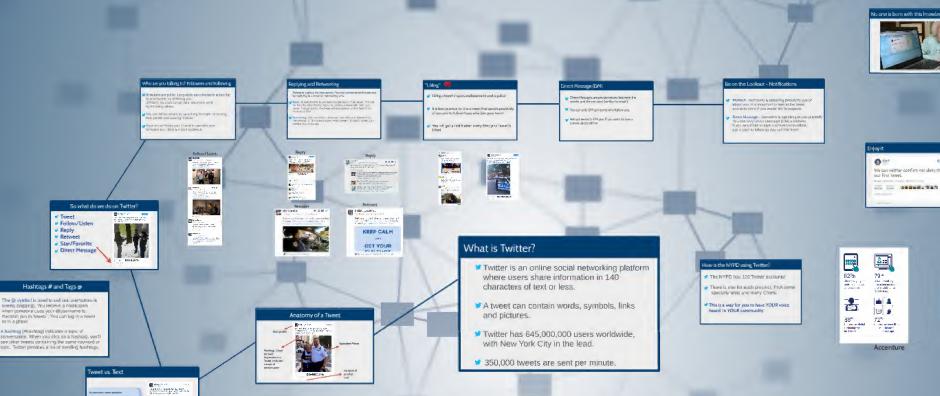






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